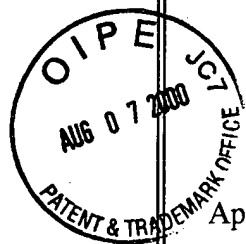


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2000, a reply which is due August 4, 2000, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

17. (Amended) A textile prosthetic implant comprising:

an elongate body formed from yarns woven into a tubular configuration having a set  
diameter, said woven yarns defining a fabric wall having a thickness not exceeding about 0.16  
mm.